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Addendum

Proposed strategic framework for the period 2010-2011
(Item 3 (b))

Programme 4
Peacekeeping operations

1. At its 8th meeting, on 16 June 2008, the Committee for Programme and Coordination considered programme 4, Peacekeeping operations, of the proposed biennial programme plan (A/63/6 (Prog. 4)).

2. The representative of the Secretary-General introduced the programme and responded to queries raised during the Committee's consideration of the programme.

Discussion

3. Overall support was expressed for the programme of work of the Department of Peacekeeping Operations and the Department of Field Support. Support was also expressed for the improvement in safety and security of peacekeeping personnel.

4. A concern was raised about the different approaches in training, as reflected in the overall orientation and in subprogramme 4. A question was raised regarding the linkage between development and peace and security, and how that important dimension could be incorporated into the programme of work.

5. The view was expressed that subprogramme 1 should incorporate specific operations.

6. Under subprogramme 2, concern was expressed about the impact of the recent decisions regarding the Office Military Affairs and the fulfilment of the mandates of

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the programme. The view was expressed that while the objective was clear, it should be more specific in order to allow proper assessment of the subprogramme. While progress in planning and deployment of military components was noted, the view was expressed that there was a need to formalize timely arrangements with peacekeeping partners.

7. The view was also expressed that subprogramme 3 required specific assessment, as it reflected the consolidation of various subprogrammes which had existed in previous bienniums.

8. It was indicated that some of the expected accomplishments and indicators of achievement needed further refinement to be more concrete.

Conclusions and recommendations

9. **The Committee recommended that the General Assembly approve the programme narrative of programme 4, Peacekeeping operations, of the proposed biennial programme plan, subject to the following modifications:**

Overall orientation

Paragraph 4.5

After the fourth sentence, insert the following: "Sustainable progress on security, national reconciliation and development needs to occur in parallel, given the interconnected nature of those challenges in countries emerging from conflicts. In that context, the Department of Peacekeeping Operations, the Department of Field Support and other relevant departments will plan and conduct United Nations peacekeeping activities in such a manner as to facilitate post-conflict peacebuilding and long-term prevention of recurrence of armed conflict".

Paragraph 4.6

In the first sentence, delete the word "peace" and replace the words "of the" with "managed by".

In the second sentence, replace the words "peace operations" with "peacekeeping operations as well as special political missions supported by the Department of Field Support" and delete the words "procurement policy".

Paragraph 4.8

At the end of the paragraph, add a new sentence: "The Department of Peacekeeping Operations will implement the recommendations of the Special Committee, as endorsed by the Assembly."

Subprogramme 1
Operations

Indicators of achievement

Replace indicator of achievement (a) with: "Number of recommendations incorporated in the resolutions of the Security Council, the General Assembly and other intergovernmental bodies regarding new and existing peacekeeping operations".

Strategy

Paragraph 4.10

In the second sentence, delete the word "fragile"; after the word "States", replace the word "and" with "in"; and replace the word "countries" with "situations".

In the third sentence, replace the words "peace operations" with "peacekeeping operations and special political missions supported by the Department of Field Support".

In the sixth sentence, delete the words "and security".

Subprogramme 3
Rule of law and security institutions

Strategy

Paragraph 4.14

In the last sentence, after the words "United Nations and", add "relevant"; after the word "actors", delete the rest of the sentence.

Subprogramme 4
Policy, evaluation and training

Indicators of achievement

At the beginning of indicator of achievement (a), insert the word "Timely".

Subprogramme 6
Integrated support services

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat

In expected accomplishment (b), replace the words "peace operations" with "peacekeeping operations and special political missions supported by the Department of Field Support".